

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 32 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 32

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application, the only independent claim being claim 1. By this Amendment, the specification, drawings and claims 1, 12 and 20 are amended.

Summary of the Official Action

In the Official Action, the drawings were objected to on formal grounds, and claims 1, 12 and 20 were objected to on formal grounds. Prosecution on the merits was closed in accordance with practice under Ex Parte Quayle.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the formal objections respectfully are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Initially, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the application contains allowable subject matter, and that claims 1-26 are allowable over the prior art.

Examiner Interview

Applicants' attorney gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to him by the Examiner in several telephonic interviews on October 20 and 21, 2005. In those telephonic communications, Applicants attorney faxed proposed formal amendments to the Examiner for consideration, and it was agreed that the proposed formal amendments overcome the formal objections to the drawings and claims, and place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Formal Amendments

The specification has been amended at page 51 to include reference numeral 92, corresponding to original Fig. 32, as requested by the Examiner.

Fig. 32 has been amended to delete reference numeral 98 and to amend the reference line for reference numeral 92 (SOG), as requested by the Examiner.

Claim 1 has been amended to provide specific antecedent basis for the term "a memory cell", and claims 12 and 20 have been amended to clarify the feature of using the same mask in patterning by etching each of a ferroelectric layer and second signal electrodes, as requested by the Examiner.

Support for the proposed amendments may be found in the original application. No new matter has been added.

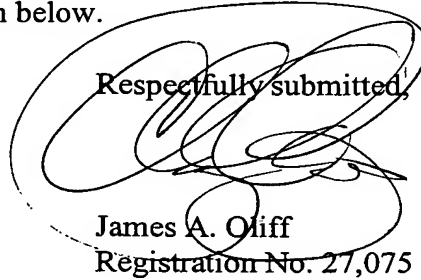
Entry of Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the Ex Parte Quayle action. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment:
Replacement Sheet of Drawings (Fig. 32)

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